

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

(1) RENT RELIEF UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF DIRECT GRANTS PAID BY THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO QUALIFIED CLAIMANTS.

(2) A TENANT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH RENT RELIEF IF THE TOTAL INCOME OR COMBINED TOTAL INCOME OF THE TENANT DOES NOT EXCEED \$10,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CLAIM IS FILED.

[[(3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENT RELIEF SHALL BE COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \$14,000 AND THE TOTAL INCOME OR COMBINED TOTAL INCOME OF THE CLAIMANT BY THE HOWARD COUNTY TAX RATE ON JANUARY 1ST OF THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS SOUGHT.]]

(3) THE AMOUNT OF RENT RELIEF SHALL BE COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \$14,000 AND THE TOTAL INCOME OR THE COMBINED TOTAL INCOME OF THE CLAIMANT BY THE DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF THE HOWARD COUNTY TAX RATE, (I.E. \$2.50 TAX RATE PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE IS FRACTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF .025) ON JANUARY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS SOUGHT.

(4) THE RELIEF SHALL BE PRORATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THE CLAIMANT WAS A TENANT IN HOWARD COUNTY DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS CLAIMED. A MONTH SHALL NOT BE COUNTED IN WHICH THE [[CLAIMANT IS A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF RENT OR THE CLAIMANT OCCUPIED PUBLICLY FUNDED OR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING DURING THE YEAR FOR WHICH RENT RELIEF IS CLAIMED.]] RESIDES IN PROPERTY WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM HOWARD COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES, OR ANY MONTH IN WHICH THE TENANT RECEIVED ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FEDERAL RENT SUPPLEMENT OR SECTION 23 LEASING PROGRAM. WHERE THE CLAIMANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT PROVIDED BY SECTION 26.106 OF THE CODE AND THE RENT RELIEF PROVIDED HEREIN, THE CLAIMANT SHALL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE TAX CREDIT PROVIDED IN SECTION 26.106.

D. APPLICATION FOR RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS

(1) EVERY PERSON SEEKING RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR HOWARD COUNTY OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT SUPPLYING THEREWITH SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUESTED ON APPLICATION FORMS TO BE FURNISHED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A AFFIDAVIT OF THE CLAIMANT CERTIFYING OF THE TRUTH OF THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR NOT LATER THAN [[DECEMBER 1]] SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH ELIGIBILITY FOR RENT RELIEF IS